

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

15-33. Reduce maltreatment and maltreatment fatalities of children.

15-33b. Reduce child maltreatment fatalities.

National Data Source	National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), Summary Data Component Survey, Administration on Children, Families, and Youth, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Children's Bureau.
State Data Source	State data reports of maltreatment from State child welfare agencies.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 7.4 (Violent and Abusive Behavior).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
Measure	Rate per 100,000 population.
Baseline (Year)	1.7 (1998)
Target	1.5
Target-Setting Method	12 percent improvement. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of reported child fatalities due to maltreatment among persons under 18 years of age.
Denominator	Persons under 18 years of age.
Population Targeted	U.S. resident population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1998 Summary Data Component, National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System: ➤ <i>Enter the number of child victims who died as a result of child abuse or neglect ____.</i>
Expected Periodicity	Annual.

Comments

Child fatality due to maltreatment is defined as the death of a child as a result of abuse or neglect, because either (a) an injury resulting from the abuse or neglect of a child was the cause of the death, or (b) abuse and/or neglect were contributing factors to the cause of death. Data on child fatalities are collected from all States; some State offices of child protective services work closely with Health Departments or the coroner's office, whereas others rely more on their own records, including deaths reported to them by law enforcement.

In August 2007, the baseline was revised from 1.6 deaths per 100,000 population to 1.7 deaths per 100,000 to match published estimates from the data source. The original target was proportionately adjusted from 1.4 deaths per 100,000 population to 1.5 deaths per 100,000 using the original target-setting method.

This objective differs from Healthy People 2000 objective 7.4 in that it measures fatalities due to child maltreatment. Objective 7.4 measured reports of child maltreatment.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.